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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, February 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED March 16, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Philip Thompson, Professional Member, **President,** Presiding Fran Franklin, Professional Member, **Secretary** Ralph Robinson, Professional Member Barbara Reed, Public Member Joseph McDonough, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II James Collins, Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Diane Postell, Professional Member, **Vice President** Louise Allen Frazier, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Julie Jenks-Zorach, Clinical Social Work Society of Delaware Christina Eilers

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the January 5, 2009 minutes for approval. Ms. Reed made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

<u>Presentation of L2K and Division Application Review Process, and Continued Discussion Regarding License Issuance Authority: James Collins, Director</u>

Ms. Slaughter made a presentation to the Board to show them the L2K application checklists and the Division's review process prior to the applications being submitted to the Board for

review. Mr. Collins asked that the Board delegate authority to the Division to allow exam approvals and licenses to be issued after the applications are reviewed by a board member that is assigned by the Board. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to delegate authority to the Division to allow exam approvals and licenses to be issued after the applications are reviewed by a board member that is assigned by the Board. Motion unanimously carried. The Board decided that the assigned Board member will change quarterly. The first member assigned will be Mr. Robinson, then Dr. Franklin, Mr. Thompson, and Ms. Postell will follow.

Election of Officers – Secretary

Ms. Slaughter advised Dr. Franklin that the Board elected her as Secretary at the January meeting, and they would like to confirm that she would accept the position. Dr. Franklin did accept the position of Secretary.

Review Proposed Statute Changes from Clinical Social Work Society of Delaware

The Board reviewed proposed statute changes submitted by the Clinical Social Work Society of Delaware (CSWS-DE). Ms. Jenks-Zorach was present to answer any questions that the Board may have. Suggestions were made by the Board and Ms. Kelly to change the language, because the proposed language still seemed to indicate that the statute would be a title act and not a practice act, which would not fulfill the intended reason for CSWS-DE submitting the proposed statute changes to the legislature. Ms. Jenks-Zorach agreed to make the necessary changes to make the statute a practice act. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to support the proposed statute changes with the suggested amendments. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Tabled Application for Initial Licensure for Christina Eilers

The Board reviewed the previously tabled application for initial licensure for Christina Eilers. Ms. Reed recused herself. Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to propose to deny the application due to Ms. Eilers having an open complaint against her. Motion unanimously carried.

Sign Rules and Regulations Final Order – Section 4.0

The Board affixed their signatures to the Final Order for the Rules and Regulations hearing that took place on January 5, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Application to sit for the ASWB exam – Abigail Hansen

The Board reviewed Ms. Hansen's application to sit for the ASWB exam. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity – Bruno Rescigna

The Board reviewed Mr. Rescigna's application for licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity – Kevin Bass

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The Board reviewed Mr. Bass' application for licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity – Danielle Schur

The Board reviewed Ms. Schur's application for licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Requests for Inactive Status

The Board reviewed Linda Oster's request to place her license on inactive status. Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve Ms. Oster's request for inactive status. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Bettina Rubin's request to place her license on inactive status. Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve Ms. Rubin's request for inactive status. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Pat Michelson's request to place her license on inactive status. Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve Ms. Michelson's request for inactive status. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Laurel Kentfield-Ciccone's request to place her license on inactive status. Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve Ms. Kentfield-Ciccone's request for inactive status. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Nancy Rafert's request to place her license on inactive status. Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve Ms. Rafert's request for inactive status. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Extension of Time to Obtain CE

The Board reviewed Mary Lou Misci's request for an extension of time to obtain the required CE for renewal. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to approve Ms. Misci for a 120 day extension. Motion unanimously carried.

Assign Complaint Contact

Mr. Robinson agreed to be the contact person for complaint #31-01-09.

Discussion Regarding Continuing Education Audit

Ms. Slaughter asked the Board to determine the percentage of licensees they would like to have randomly selected for the continuing education audit for the 2009 renewal period. The Board requested that 10 percent of the active licensees be selected for audit.

Discussion Regarding 2009 ASWB New Board Member Training

Ms. Slaughter advised the Board that she received information from ASWB regarding the dates that New Board Member Training will be held in 2009. Ms. Slaughter advised that ASWB will pay all costs associated with the meeting, including travel and lodging. Neither of the members who have not yet attended the ASWB New Board Member Training were interested in attending

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this year.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of changing the Board's meeting day, and possibly time, from Monday mornings. Ms. Slaughter advised the Board that she did some research on this issue and she wasn't able to find another date and time where she was available, Ms. Kelly was available, and there was a conference room available, except for other Mondays. Dr. Franklin asked Mr. Collins if it would be possible to switch meeting days with another Board. Mr. Collins advised that the Board could switch to another date and time that was already available, but he was not inclined asked other Boards to switch with them.

CORRESPONDENCE

ASWB – Association News – December 2008 Edition

Ms. Slaughter advised the Board that she has received the December 2008 edition of the ASWB Association News if anyone is interested in reviewing it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mr. McDonough made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shama Slaughter

Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

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